

Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

August 2012

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index increased 0.2 percent between July 2012 and August 2012 while the Canada All-items Index also advanced 0.2 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index both rose 0.2 percent during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the August All-items Index increased from July 2012 primarily due to higher prices for purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, traveller accommodation and gasoline. Prices also rose for women's clothing, personal care supplies and equipment, household textiles and paper, plastic and foil supplies.

Moderating these increases were lower prices for fresh vegetables, processed meat, dairy products, fresh or frozen beef and fresh fruit. Prices also fell for children's clothing (including infants) and inter-city transportation.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 1.7 percent between August 2011 and August 2012 while the Canada All-items Index increased 1.2 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 2.0 percent and 1.5 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The August All-items Index increased from August 2011 primarily due to higher prices for purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, gasoline, passenger vehicle insurance premiums, passenger vehicle parts and maintenance and repairs. Prices also rose for rent, homeowners' replacement cost and personal care supplies and equipment.

These increases were partially offset by lower prices for home entertainment equipment, parts and services, women's clothing, natural gas and furniture. Prices also rose for prescribed medicines, recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles) and inter-city transportation.

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**ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA**

	Index		Percent Change	
	<u>August 2012</u>	<u>July 2012</u> (2002 = 100)	<u>July 2012</u> to <u>August 2012</u>	<u>August 2011</u> to <u>August 2012</u>
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	124.2	123.9	0.2	1.7
Food	132.2	132.2	0.0	2.3
Shelter	146.8	146.8	0.0	1.9
Household Operations and Furnishings	107.7	107.5	0.2	1.0
Clothing and Footwear	94.5	93.8	0.7	-1.2
Transportation	118.6	118.3	0.3	2.7
Health and Personal Care	116.4	115.1	1.1	2.2
Recreation, Education and Reading	107.6	107.4	0.2	0.7
Tobacco and Alcohol	143.7	143.3	0.3	0.5
All-Items Excluding Energy	122.1	121.8	0.2	1.8
Energy	143.8	143.6	0.1	1.1
CANADA				
All-Items	121.8	121.5	0.2	1.2
Food	131.7	131.7	0.0	2.2
Shelter	127.4	127.2	0.2	1.0
Household Operations and Furnishings	112.7	113.0	-0.3	1.3
Clothing and Footwear	89.5	89.1	0.4	-1.2
Transportation	127.5	126.4	0.9	1.8
Health and Personal Care	119.8	118.5	1.1	2.0
Recreation, Education and Reading	107.6	107.2	0.4	1.1
Tobacco and Alcohol	137.8	137.6	0.1	1.2
All-Items Excluding Energy	118.8	118.7	0.1	1.4
Energy	159.2	156.0	2.1	0.8
REGINA				
All-Items	124.9	124.6	0.2	2.0
SASKATOON				
All-Items	124.6	124.4	0.2	1.5

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

**ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>July 2012</u> to <u>August 2012</u>	<u>August 2011</u> to <u>August 2012</u>
Canada	0.2	1.2
Newfoundland	0.3	1.6
Prince Edward Island	0.3	1.4
Nova Scotia	0.4	1.5
New Brunswick	0.4	1.0
Quebec	0.3	2.0
Ontario	0.3	1.0
Manitoba	0.2	1.9
Saskatchewan	0.2	1.7
Alberta	0.6	1.0
British Columbia	0.2	1.0
Whitehorse	0.1	2.4
Yellowknife	0.0	1.9
Iqaluit	-0.2	2.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Consumer Price Index Survey*
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**ALL ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>July 2012</u> to <u>August 2012</u>	<u>August 2011</u> to <u>August 2012</u>
St. John's	0.3	1.6
Charlottetown-Summerside	0.3	1.4
Halifax	0.4	1.3
Saint John	0.3	0.9
Quebec City	0.3	2.1
Montreal	0.2	1.9
Ottawa	0.3	1.0
Toronto	0.2	1.1
Thunder Bay	0.3	0.3
Winnipeg	0.3	1.9
Regina	0.2	2.0
Saskatoon	0.2	1.5
Edmonton	0.6	1.0
Calgary	0.6	1.0
Vancouver	0.2	1.4
Victoria	0.2	0.9
Whitehorse	0.1	2.4
Yellowknife	0.0	1.9
Iqaluit	-0.2	2.2